GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2412
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
REPRESENTATION OF VILLAGERS AROUND MOOHIDIHI PROJECT OF BCCL
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the villagers around Moohidihi Project of BCCL represented against the withdrawal of electricity connections;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the villagers were assured for restoration of electric connection;

(d) whether villagers are inhabited by BCCL workers entitled for electricity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They had taken illegal electricity connection for which management was threatened prosecution by the Electricity Board.

(c) The villagers were assured electric supply only for street light connection.

(d) : No, Sir. Workers residing in the villages are not entitled to extension of the Company's electricity line. This is only permitted to the workers residing in the quarters owned by BCCL in its township.

(e) : Does not arise in view of the reply given to part (d) above.

(f) : In a tripartite discussion with the District Administration the concerned agitators were asked to apply for electricity connection individually, to the State Electricity Board.